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Abstract

B) ~~In a~~ A method for detecting pauses in speech signals is disclosed in speech recognition, for recognizing speech commands uttered by the user, the voice is converted into an electrical signal, whose in which the frequency spectrum is divided into two or more sub-bands. Samples of the signals on the sub-bands are stored at intervals, the energy levels of the sub-bands are determined on the basis of the stored samples, a power threshold value (thr) is determined, and the energy levels of the sub-bands are compared with said power threshold value (thr). A subband minimum is set and a detection time limit is set so that, in a noise situation, a speech pause can be verified by checking to determine if each pause detected remains for the duration of the detection time limit and if a pause is detected in at least said minimum subbands. ~~The comparison results are used for producing a pause detecting result.~~

Fig. 1